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CHEROKEE FOR THE SECRETARY FROM WARREN CHRISTOPHER

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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF WEDNESDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. RABBI SCHINDLER TO SEE SADAT. ALEX SCHINDLER CALLED ME THIS MORNING TO SAY THAT HE HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM SADAT TO VISIT HIM IN ASWAN NEXT TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY. HE WILL GO FIRST TO ISRAEL TO MEET WITH BEGIN, ARRIVING THERE TOMORROW. ALEX HOPES TO KEEP THE TRIP CONFIDENTIAL. WE ARE ARRANGING BRIEFINGS FOR ALEX WITH OUR AMBASSADORS IN TEL AVIV AND CAIRO.

2. SOUTH AFRICA. DONALD WOODS, THE BANNED SOUTH AFRICAN EDITOR WHO IS NOW ON HIS WAY TO EXILE IN ENGLAND, HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO COME TO THE U.S. WOODS PLANS TO ARRANGE FOR THE PUBLICATION HERE OF A BOOK ABOUT THE DEATH

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OF HIS FRIEND STEVE BIKO, AND HAS INDICATED PRIVATELY THAT HE MAY WISH TO SETTLE HERE. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HELP HIM ENTER THE U.S. ON A TEMPORARY VISA, BUT WOULD PREFER TO FINESSE THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL ASYLUM FOR THE TIME BEING. AT OUR SUGGESTION, WOODS HAS KEPT HIS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SETTLEMENT HERE IMPRECISE.

3. PANAMA CANAL TREATIES. I MET TODAY WITH SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES. NORVILL JONES, STAFF DIRECTOR, INDICATED THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD HEARINGS ON THE TREATIES JANUARY 19, 20, AND 25 AND THAT MARK-UP WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 26. HE THINKS IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE TREATIES COULD BE CONSIDERED ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

JONES EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO PREVENT AMENDMENTS FROM BEING ATTACHED TO THE TREATIES, SINCE AMENDMENTS, AS OPPOSED TO RESERVATIONS OR UNDERSTANDINGS, WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ENABLE CERTAIN SENATORS TO JUSTIFY THEIR VOTE FOR THE TREATIES. AS A MINIMUM, JONES INDICATED HE THOUGHT THAT THE SENATE WOULD SEEK TO AMEND THE TERMS OF THE OCTOBER 14 STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING INTO THE PANAMA NEUTRALITY TREATY. THROUGHOUT THE MEETING I STRESSED THE ADMINISTRATION'S DESIRE TO CONSTRUCTIVELY WORK WITH THE SENATE TO SECURE RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY BUT OUR OPPOSITION TO THE ATTACHMENT OF ANY AMENDMENT OR OTHER PROVISION WHICH WOULD OPEN UP THE TREATIES AND CREATE THE NEED FOR A FURTHER PLEBICITE IN PANAMA. THE FACT THAT JONES (WHO IS FRIENDLY TO THE TREATIES) HOLDS THESE VIEWS UNDERSCORES THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY CONTACTS WITH KEY SENATORS TO POINT OUT THE PITFALLS OF ANOTHER VOTE IN PANAMA.

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4. TONGSUN PARK. LEON JAWORSKI HAS INFORMED US THAT THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE IS SENDING TO THE DEPARTMENT, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT, A REQUEST THAT TONGSUN PARK BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE FOR TESTIMONY. JAWORSKI ASSERTS THAT, ALTHOUGH HE HAS MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT, CONGRESS SHOULD RECEIVE TREATMENT FROM THE KOREANS AT LEAST EQUIVALENT TO THAT ACCORDED TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, I.E., THE RIGHT TO CALL PARK AS A WITNESS. HE IS ASKING US TO HELP ACHIEVE THAT RESULT. CHRISTOPHER

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